



**Maryland State Health Improvement Process (SHIP)**  
**Health Action Newsletter**  
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**Resource: The Maryland Department of Health (MDH): Latest Updates on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Outbreak**



Visit MDH's website for daily updates on the COVID-19 outbreak. The site has answers to frequently asked questions, information on social distancing, and resources for businesses and employers, community and faith-based organizations, schools and childcare, and others.

For more information, visit: [coronavirus.maryland.gov](https://coronavirus.maryland.gov)

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**Grant Opportunity: Rural Maryland Council**

The Rural Maryland Council (RMC) is pleased to announce it is accepting letters of intent to apply for the Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance Fund (MAERDAF) and the Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund (RMPIF) for the Fiscal Year 2021 funding cycle. Letters of Intent must be received by **Friday May 29, 2020**.

MAERDAF and RMPIF offers financial support to rural-serving nonprofit organizations that promote statewide and regional planning, economic, health, community development, agricultural, and forestry efforts.

For more information, visit: [www.ruralmaryland.gov](https://www.ruralmaryland.gov).

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## Webinar Series: COVID-19 and Mental Health

**Weekly on Tuesdays at 9:00 AM**

The Lancet Psychiatry, Mental Health Innovation Network and United for Global Mental Health have launched a series of weekly webinars designed to provide policy makers and the wider health community with the latest evidence on the impact of COVID-19 on mental health and how to address it.

The webinars provide practical solutions to the challenging issues everyone is grappling with.

Previously recorded sessions are available on the website with summary notes.

For more information, visit: [www.unitedgmh.org/news/webinarseriescovid19](http://www.unitedgmh.org/news/webinarseriescovid19)

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## Resource: National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day

May 7th is National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day and is observed each year to raise awareness about the importance of children's mental health and how vital positive mental health is to a child's development.



The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have compiled resources from around the country on how communities commemorate the day.

For more information and resources from SAMHSA, visit: [www.samhsa.gov/childrens-awareness-day](http://www.samhsa.gov/childrens-awareness-day)

For more information and resources from CDC, visit: [www.cdc.gov/childrensmentalhealth/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/childrensmentalhealth/index.html)

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## Webinar: Place Matters

**Tuesday, May 12 - 3:00 PM**

Join County Health Rankings & Roadmaps (CHR&R) as they highlight communities that have used CHR&R data, evidence, and guidance over many years to support their work improving health locally.

**County Health  
Rankings & Roadmaps**  
Building a Culture of Health, County by County  
A Robert Wood Johnson Foundation program

This webinar will take a deeper dive into what the counties have learned over time about what is needed to create health and equity in communities.

For more information and to register for the webinar, visit: [www.countyhealthrankings.org/learn-from-others/webinars/place-matters](http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/learn-from-others/webinars/place-matters)

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